

eranimity between them and the unicorns. For there is no beast but hath his enemy, as the cony [*the rabbit*], the polecat ; a sheep, the wolf; the elephant, the rhinoceros; and so of other beasts the like : insomuch that whereas the one is, the other cannot be missing.

And seeing I have made mention of the beasts of this country, it shall not be from my purpose to speak also of the venomous beasts ; as crocodiles, whereof there is great abundance, adders of great bigness, whereof our men killed some of a yard and a half long. Also I heard a miracle of one of these adders, upon the which a falcon seizing the said adder, [it] did clasp her tail upon her, which the French Captain seeing, came to the rescue of the falcon, and took her flaying the adder : and this falcon being wild, he did reclaim her, and kept her, for the space of two months ; at which time, for very want of meat, he was fain to cast her off. On these adders, the French did feed, to the no little admiration [*wonderment*] of us ; and affirmed the same to be a delicate meal. And the Captain of the Frenchmen saw also a serpent with three heads and four feet, of the bigness of a great spaniel; which, for want of a harquebuss, he durst not attempt to slay.

Offish, also, they have in the river, pike, rofajch, salmon, trout, and divers other small fishes ; and of great fish, some of the length of a man and longer, being of bigness accordingly, having a snout much like a sword, of a yard long.

There be also of sea fishes, which we saw coming along the coast, flying: which were of the bigness of a smelt; the biggest whereof have four wings, but the others have but two. Of these, we saw coming out of Guinea a hundred in a company, which being chased by the "gilt-heads," otherwise called the *bonitos*, do to avoid them the better, take their flight out of the water ; but yet are they not able to fly far because of the drying of their wings, which serve them not to fly but when they are moist : and therefore when they can fly no further, they fall into the water, and having wet their wings, take a new flight again. These *bomtos* be of bigness like a carp, and in colour like a mackerel ; but it is the swiftest fish in swimming that is, and followeth her prey very fiercely, not only in the water, but also out of the water ; for as the flying fish taketh her flight, so doth this *bonito* leap after